GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1039
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CORRUPTION IN SUPER BAZAR/NCCF
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

to reply given to USQ No.5992 on 4 May, 2000 and state:

(a) the progress made so far in each case against DGM, Super Bazar;

(b) the action initiated against the DGM;

(c) whether some cases of corruption in National Cooperative Consumers` Federation of India Ltd. (NCCF) have been brought to the notice of the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action the Government propose to take to break the nexus between suppliers and officials of NCCF;

(e) whether it is the policy of NCCF not to allow suppliers to make supplies of branded items who are not in possession of authorization certificates from manufacturers and also not to sell these items at MRP;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor;
(g) whether there is any proposal to withdraw the Government order authorizing NCCF to make suppliers to the Government departments of items of stationery and others; and
(h) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTIRBUTION (SHRI V. SREE PRASAD)

(a) & (b): In one case, after completion of the enquiry, it has been decided to impose the penalty of recovery of loss suffered by Super Bazar. In two other cases, enquiry is in progress.

(c) Yes, sir.

(d) At the close of quarter ending 30th September, 2000, three cases were under investigation by the Vigilance Cell of NCCF and two cases were under investigation by the CBI.In six cases, major penalty proceedings were initiated against various officials of the NCCF by its Vigilance Cell, out of which three cases have since been finalized. However, there is no material available that brings out any nexus between suppliers and officials of NCCF.

(e) & (f) NCCF now purchases all major branded items from the manufacturers/distributors/dealers registered with NCCF. The distributors/dealers registered with NCCF have proper authorization to deal in/supply the concerned branded items.NCCF supplies a large number of items to the Government Deptts, out of which a few could be sold at MRP even though NCCF`s policy is to supply goods at reasonable and competitive rates, NCCF`s rates are for supply of goods at destinations with facility to avail credit period up to 30 days.

(g) No, sir.

(h) Does not arise.